

**REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the Decision on Appeal mailed on November 27, 2009, (the "Decision"). Reconsideration of the application in the light of the above Amendments and following remarks is respectfully submitted.

**CLAIM STATUS**

By the preceding Amendment claims 1-5, 9-13, 15-27, and 33-35 have been canceled. Thus only 8 claims (7, 8, 14, and 28-32) are currently pending.

**DECISION ON APPEAL**

In the November 25, 2009 decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Board"), the Board affirmed the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-5, 9-21, 23-26, and 33-35. Rather than trying to add all of the limitations in claims 14 and 26 to dependent claim 27, by this Amendment Applicants have amended independent claim 14 to included the limitations in dependent claims 26 and 27 (now canceled) and have changed the dependency of claims 28-30 to claim 14 leaving only claims 7, 8, 14, and 28-32 where the Board reversed the Examiner's rejection. An amendment of claim 7 has also been made to correct a typographical oversight.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have attempted to comply with the substantive portion of the Decision of the Board's in such a way to improve the readability of the remaining claims. It is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that

effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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